modalities in this regard are also being examined.

Scope of French Investment in India

545. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is considerable scope in increasing the French investment in India; and

(b) if so, what are the areas where French Investment can be obtained and the steps taken by Government to promote joint ventures of the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The areas identified for possible joint collaboration and investment between French and Indian firms include:

— Pollution Control equipment.
— Alternative sources of energy.
— Electronics and Data processing.
— Food processing and preparation machinery
— Opthalmic glass.
— Petro-chemicals.
— Pharmaceuticals.
— Process Control systems.
— Telecommunication .

Government have already taken a number of steps to liberalise policies and procedures with a view to promote investment and joint ventures with all countries, including France. During the last meeting of the Indo-French Joint Committee for Economic and Technical cooperation, held on 30th & 31st January, 1989, it was agreed to intensify interaction between various French partners and the concerned Indian Authorities regarding investment matters

Compensation to the State Electricity Boards

546. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated financial impact of the rise in the administrative price of coal on the State Electricity Boards during the period 1985 to 1989 yearwise; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to compensate the State Electricity Boards to the extent of their additonal expenditure in this regard and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The yearwise additional financial burden on the State Electricity Boards due to revisions in coal prices during the period 1985 to 1989, is estimated as follows:—

	(Rupees in Crores)
1985-86	32.29
1986-87	140.13
1987-88	231.47
1988-89	448.57

(b) There is no proposal to specifically compensate the Electricity Boards for the increase in coal prices. The State Electricity Boards are autonomous organisations and are expected to provide for the cost of coal etc. through the operation of fuel adjustment charges and through the formulation of appropriate tariff structures.

Installed capacity of power generation

547. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the state and Union Territory-wise installed capacity of power gener-